

AO 399 (01/09) Waiver of the Service of Summons

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Northern District of Ohio

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

Plaintiff

v.

Defendant

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Civil Action No. 2804

## WAIVER OF THE SERVICE OF SUMMONS

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of the plaintiff's attorney or unrepresented plaintiff)

I have received your request to waive service of a summons in this action along with a copy of the complaint, two copies of this waiver form, and a prepaid means of returning one signed copy of the form to you.

I, or the entity I represent, agree to save the expense of serving a summons and complaint in this case.

I understand that I, or the entity I represent, will keep all defenses or objections to the lawsuit, the court's jurisdiction, and the venue of the action, but that I waive any objections to the absence of a summons or of service.

The Court's moratorium on all filings includes a moratorium on the filing of answers or motions under Rule 12. Defendants will not answer or move under Rule 2 unless so ordered by the Court. The failure to file an answer or motion under Rule 12 will not be grounds for a default judgment.

I represent.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brenn Distribution, Inc. f/k/a Qualitest Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Printed name of party waiving service of summons

/s/ Claude F. Reynaud, Jr.

Signature of the attorney or unrepresented party

Claude F. Reynaud, Jr.

Printed name

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### Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Expenses of Serving a Summons

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain defendants to cooperate in saving unnecessary expenses of serving a summons and complaint. A defendant who is located in the United States and who fails to return a signed waiver of service requested by a plaintiff located in the United States will be required to pay the expenses of service, unless the defendant shows good cause for the failure.

"Good cause" does not include a belief that the lawsuit is groundless, or that it has been brought in an improper venue, or that the court has no jurisdiction over this matter or over the defendant or the defendant's property.

If the waiver is signed and returned, you can still make these and all other defenses and objections, but you cannot object to the absence of a summons or of service.

If you waive service, then you must, within the time specified on the waiver form, serve an answer or a motion under Rule 12 and file a copy with the court. By signing and returning the waiver form, you are allowed more time to respond than if a summons is served on you.

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